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MISSOULA--

Representatives of Montana's environmental, political and academic communities are invited to The University of Montana's Lubrecht Experimental Forest Thursday and Friday, Oct. 14-15, to discuss the future of environmental science research in the state.

The event will mark the sixth annual NSF-EPSCoR (National Science Foundation-Experimental Program to Stimulate Cooperative Research) Conference for Montana. Its goals are to create a dialogue and improve cooperation among Montana's environmental agencies, their supporters and science researchers at Montana's universities.

The conference will begin with sign-in from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, followed by dinner and a talk by UM President George Dennison.

Friday's agenda includes panel discussions and presentations by scientists and researchers from around the state whose projects have been supported by NSF-EPSCoR. The conference will adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Here are the highlights:

■ Breakfast 7:30-8:45 a.m. -- Speaker will be Jim Hoehn, head official at NSF-EPSCoR in Washington, D.C.

■ Projects presentations, 9-10:30 a.m. -- Topics and presenters: environmental toxicology by UM pharmaceutical sciences Professor Charles Thompson, avian flight and biodiversity by biological sciences Professor Ken Dial, Earth Observing System by forestry Professor Steve Running, Mountain Research Center by Lisa Graumlich of Montana State

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University's land resources and environmental sciences department, and thermal biology in Yellowstone National Park by Mark Young of MSU's plant sciences department.

■ Panel discussion, 11 a.m.-noon -- "How Can We Better Correlate Our Efforts in Montana in Environmental Sciences?" Panelists will be Graumlich, Running, Thompson and Young with Dial as moderator.

■ Lunch, noon-1:30 p.m. -- Luncheon speaker will be David Mihalic, superintendent of Glacier National Park.

■ Open discussion with environmental and legislative representatives Martin Prather, Mike Harris and Peggy Trank, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

■ Panel discussion, 2:30-3:30 p.m. -- "How Can We in Montana Get Environmental Science Working Within the Parks and Their People?" Panelists will be Prather, Harris and Trank with Mihalic as moderator.

■ Poster presentations, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

The registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 1. Fees will vary according to participants' choice of meals and lodging. Lodging for 32 participants is available at the Lubrecht Conference Center, about 35 miles east of Missoula, and a block of rooms also will be available until Friday, Oct. 1, at Missoula's Campus Inn.

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